

CATAWBA COUNTY FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

March 14, 2016

Present: officers Susan Anderson, Libbie Lynn, Sylvia King, Helen Brigham; members Susan Arrowood, Pat Beyersdorfer, Ginny Pretty, Fran Wood, Lucille Woodrum; staff Suzanne White, Siobhan Loendorf, Paul Foster. Returning members Ed and Flo De Lozier with their son Alan were also present and welcomed back.

Call to Order: at 11:05 a.m. by President Susan Anderson.

Minutes: The minutes of the February meeting were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report: The checkbook balance as of March 12 is \$9,229.67. There was little outflow in March.

Staff Reports:

- A. Suzanne asked each of us to consider advocating for funding LSTA (used nationally for library grants) by contacting our senators and/or congressperson by phone to support the bill that provides the money and is before Congress at this time. She provided a sheet with phone numbers, etc. for our use.
- B. Paul displayed the Friends' website and demonstrated the various means to access it. One can reach the site by searching: catawbacountync.gov, or by putting librarynewscatawbacountync.gov as your search. There is already quite a bit of information on our site, and Paul took other suggestions to include as well.
- C. Siobhan informed us that she has made two grant requests, both to fund the "Born to Read" program in our county. That program would provide materials for the parents of newborns to include a library card for the baby, a board book, and a cloth diaper (to be used as a burp cloth) with the library logo imprint. It would also include training for the nurses in the importance of early reading to children. The grant request to the Unifour Foundation would be enhanced with sponsorship money, and the Friends were asked to consider same. Sylvia moved to allocate \$2000.00 for that purpose, Ed seconded, and the motion passed. It was suggested that Siobhan approach both hospitals about sponsorship, as well.

Old Business:

- A. Peggy Day Memorial: Libbie contacted Peggy's daughter who remains busy. Peggy suggested that we await word from her and not ask again ourselves.**
- B. Basket Making:**
 - 1. 10 Easter baskets have been made and three remain.**
 - 2. The next baskets will center on gardening and Mother's Day.**
- C. Promotional ideas for increasing Friends' membership. Several suggestions were made without decision.**

New Business:

- A. Schedule for ongoing book sale stocking**
 - 1. Susan B. and Sylvia for April.**
 - 2. Helen will work in May.**
- B. Sylvia notified us that our dues for membership in the North Carolina Friends of the Library association are due. Pat moved that we pay \$35.00 for membership, and, as we have in the past, that we add an additional gift of \$15.00 for a total of \$50.00. Lucille seconded the motion which passed.**
- C. As the number of book bags remaining is small, Libbie moved that we order 100. Siobhan stated that there is another, perhaps less costly bag available that we might wish to consider. Sylvia will work with Siobhan to compare price and quality.**

As there was no other business, we adjourned at 12:00 p.m. to share lunch with Ed and Flo.

The Next Meeting will be Monday, April 11, at 11:00 a.m.

**Helen Brigham,
Secretary**

